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 TI Actions of interleukin-4 on prostaglandin biosynthesis at the  
 chorion-decidual interface  
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 AB Objective: We determined the effects of interleukin-4 on chorion and  
 decidual prostaglandin production. Study design: Chorion and decidual  
 cells from term placentas were grown to confluence. Cells were then  
 incubated with interleukin-4 either alone or with other known stimulants  
 of prostaglandin production: interleukin-1 $\beta$ , epidermal growth  
 factor, ionomycin, or phorbol 12-myristate 13-acetate. Prostaglandin  
 E.sub.2 production was determined with a specific radioimmunoassay.  
 Results: Interleukin-4 alone stimulated prostaglandin E.sub.2 production  
 in chorion and decidual cells. Interleukin-4 significantly enhanced the  
 stimulatory actions of phorbol 12-myristate 13-acetate, ionomycin, and  
 epidermal growth factor but not interleukin-1 $\beta$  on prostaglandin  
 E.sub.2 production. Conclusion: Interleukin-4 stimulates prostaglandin  
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 (ionomycin) 56092-81-0; (phorbol 13 acetate 12 myristate)  
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 TI Involvement of phosphatidate phosphohydrolase in arachidonic acid mobilization in human amnionic WISH cells.  
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 AB Prostaglandins are known to play a central role in the initiation of **labor** in humans, and amnionic cells constitute a major source of these compounds. Prostaglandin synthesis and release by amnion cells in response to hormones and ligands takes place after a characteristic 4-5 h lag. However, we report herein that free arachidonic acid (AA), the metabolic precursor of prostaglandins, can be induced at much shorter times (1 h) in human amnionic WISH cells by phorbol 12-myristate 13-acetate (PMA) through activation of protein kinase Calpha (PKCalpha). WISH cells were found to possess both cytosolic group IV phospholipase A2 (cPLA2) and Group VI Ca2+-independent phospholipase A. (iPLA2). Of these, the cPLA2 was found to be the likely mediator of AA mobilization in PMA-activated WISH cells. PMA also activates phospholipase D (PLD) in these cells and ethanol, a compound that inhibits PLD-mediated phosphatidic acid (PA) formation, blocked AA release. Moreover, prevention of PA dephosphorylation by the PA phosphohydrolase inhibitors propranolol and bromoenol lactone, resulted in inhibition of AA release by PMA-treated-WISH cells. Collectively, these data suggest that activation of cPLA2 and attendant AA release by phorbol esters in WISH cells requires prior generation of DAG by phosphatidate phosphohydrolase.  
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The contractile effect of okadaic acid (OA) and its  
derivs. was investigated in the rat uterus. OA (20  $\mu$ M) induced a  
transient contraction which, after plateauing, slowly decreased. The  
structurally related compound okadanol (20  $\mu$ M) failed to induce any  
significant contraction. Conversely, the synthetic compound Me okadaate (20  
 $\mu$ M) and the naturally occurring ester 7'-hydroxy-4'-methyl-2'-  
methylenhept-4'(E)-enyl okadaate (20  $\mu$ M) were as active as the free  
acid. The OA-induced contraction was unaffected in the presence of  
neomycin (5 mM), mepacrine (30  $\mu$ M), 1-[N,O-bis(1,5-  
isoquinolinesulfonyl)-N-methyl-L-tyrosyl]-4-phenylpiperazine (10  $\mu$ M),  
calphostin C (3  $\mu$ M) and 1-(5-isoquinolinesulfonyl)-2-methylpiperazine  
(30  $\mu$ M). The calmodulin inhibitor N-(6-aminohexyl)-5-chloro-  
1-naphthalenesulfonamide hydrochloride (100  $\mu$ M) did not modify the  
amplitude of the OA-induced contraction but significantly increased the  
rate of tension decay. The myosin light chain kinase inhibitor  
1-(5-chloronaphthalene-1-sulfonyl)-1H-hexahydro-1,4-diazepine  
hydrochloride (1 mM) significantly reduced the peak amplitude of the  
contraction. Staurosporine (0.03-0.1  $\mu$ M) did not modify the  
contractile component of the OA-induced response but inhibited the  
subsequent decrease in tension. In freshly dispersed myometrial cells  
loaded with the fluorescent  $\text{Ca}^{++}$  indicator indo 1, OA did not produce any  
significant increase in  $[\text{Ca}^{++}]_i$ . OA (5- to 90-min contact) also failed to  
modify the intracellular levels of arachidonic acid, compared with basal  
values. These data suggest that in the rat uterus (1) the  
contractile effect of OA (20  $\mu$ M) is specifically mediated by  
inhibition of protein phosphatases type 1 and/or 2A and is related to a  
direct interaction with the contractile machinery; (2) the decreasing  
phase of the OA-induced mech. response could be mediated by a  
staurosporine-sensitive protein kinase different from protein kinase C.

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